

Camp near Cedar Creek
Virginia Oct-2 1864

Dear Mother

I received your letter of the 8th the 18th. but did not have time to answer it. for the Johnnies attacked us the morning of the 19th as you have heard probably before this letter goes. They drove us back from here about four miles and would have driven us clear to Sharps Ferry had not Genl. Sheridan (who was absent at the time of the attack) arrived as he did. When he got here found his army all on a goared "Skedaddle". but he very soon rallied them, and formed them in line, and we charged them and got them routed and drove them back a great deal quicker than ~~the~~^{they} came. and before dark we occupied our old camp so that they drove us from in the morning.

We followed them up that night through Strasburg to Fishers Hill. We expected to have to fight them the next morning ~~at~~ but did not for they never stopped. our cavalry followed them up all day. We took most all of their artillery from them. and a

great many prisoners. How many
I don't know, but I do know that
we captured 49 pieces of artillery
for the we have it hauled up in line
right here near our camp, but twenty
pieces of it they captured in the morning
from us. I don't think old Early
will trouble us much more here
in the valley right away.

Our Regt lost 115 killed and wounded
and. Jerry was wounded. William
Burch was taken prisoner. We buried
17 of our Regt the next day after we got
back, all in one grave, not but a few
rods from camp. Our Regt is getting
to be quite small, out of the 1000 that
we left Norwich with we have 140 left
and have received over a hundred
recruits. I am the only one left that came
from L — and vicinity except Elipha
St. John. I received your letter of the 17th
yesterday you did not tell what troop
Harrison was in or I would write to him.
He probably will be home before long.

I am well. Give my love to all
and write soon.

From your Affet Son

P.S. Please send me \$20 G. Bonds
some postage stamps
L.H.R.